

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

IN THE UNITED STATES:



Report experiencing
extreme physical violence
from an intimate partner
during their lifetime

IN VIRGINIA IN 2021:

207,108 HOURS
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ADVOCACY SERVICES WERE
PROVIDED TO
20,579 ADULTS

19%



In the U.S., 19% of all
violent crime victims
were domestic
violence victims

237,938



Total nights of emergency
shelter provided to adults
and children by Virginia's
domestic violence agencies

32%



Of all aggravated assaults
in Virginia during 2021,
32% were committed
by intimate partners

Domestic violence describes when an
intimate partner attempts to gain and
maintain control and power over another.
It includes physical, emotional, financial,
sexual, and psychological acts of abuse.



If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please contact
Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-838-8238 (24-hours/day, toll-free)
www.vsdvalliance.org



www.dcjs.virginia.gov

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41,749

Domestic violence
hotline calls
were received
by Virginia's
domestic violence
agencies

Domestic violence can
result in injury or death.
Survivors of domestic violence
experience health issues,
such as diabetes and
hypertension at a higher rate,
as well as anxiety,
depression, and
post-traumatic stress disorder.



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Virginia Victim Assist Helpline
1-855-4-HELP-VA (855-443-5782)
<https://vanetwork.org>



Additional information is available from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Victims Services at www.dcss.virginia.gov/victims-services

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